



API Involvement in Natural Resource Damage Assessment

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Who Are We?

- ✦ **Trade Association representing over 400 petroleum companies throughout the U.S.**
- ✦ **Located in Washington, DC and various state offices**
- ✦ **Over 200 employees**
 - **Not many that work on NRDA issues**



What Are the Members Doing?

- ✦ **Participation in the Joint Assessment Team(s)**
 - West Coast
 - Mid-Atlantic
 - Gulf Coast?
- ✦ **Individual meetings with Trustees**
 - Currently just NOAA but hope to meet w/ DOI
- ✦ **Spill Drills – Integration of NRDA component**
 - Include Federal and State Trustee Reps. in actual drill
- ✦ **NRD Workshops**



What Is API Doing?

- ✂ **Coordinate Industry Response**
- ✂ **Participation in NRD Workshop**
- ✂ **Regular conversations with Federal Trustees**
- ✂ **Ensure development of consistent and reasonable NRD program throughout nation**
- ✂ **But what about State and Regional Trustees?**



What Needs To Be Done?

- ✦ Establish new program to facilitate interaction between RP reps. and regional and local trustees reps.
- ✦ **GOAL:** Encourage interaction among players so that ultimately relationships can be created and fostered
 - **KEY:** before forced to interact in NRDA



Rewards

- ✶ **“Meet and greet” prior to an actual NRDA**
- ✶ **Development of familiarity and level of comfort between players**
- ✶ **Get contentious issues out of the way**
- ✶ **Develop consistency throughout the nation among all players**



Obstacles

💡 Organization

- How many
- How often
- Who will coordinate
- Etc.

💡 Defining the players

- Convincing to participate

💡 Cost

💡 Keeping the meetings manageable



Recommendation

Take the results and information from this workshop and use as a platform to begin more localized dialogue



Thank you for your attention.

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